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SUMMARY: T' AN CH' I- LUNG' S OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT AS CHEKIANG' S
PROVINCIAL PARTY FIRST SECRETARY LEAVES ONLY THREE PRC PROVINCES
WITHOUT FORMALLY- DESIGNATED PARTY LEADERS. END SUMMARY

1. A MAY 16 BROADCAST OF THE CHEKIANG COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE
CONGRESS OPENING IDENTIFIED T' AN CH' I- LUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME AS
THE PROVINCIAL PARTY FIRST SECRETARY. T' AN' S PROMOTION THUS
FORMALIZES HIS LEADING POSITION IN CHEKIANG, A PLACE HE HAS
HELD SINCE EX- PROVINCIAL CCP FIRST SECRETARY NAN P' ING WAS
PURGED LAST SUMMER (1972 WR 39).

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY, T' AN' S APPOINTMENT REPRESENTS THE FIRST
TIME SINCE THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEES WERE FORMED IN
1970-71 THAT A MAN HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO REPLACE A PURGED
PROVINCIAL LEADER. IT IS THEREFORE A BENCHMARK IN THE POST-
LIN PIAO PARTY REBUILDING PROGRAM, AN EFFORT THAT HAS THUS FAR
YIELDED 36 NEW OR PROMOTED SECRETARIES AND AFFECTED 14 PROVINCES.
NOW ONLY THREE PROVINCE- LEVEL UNITS STILL DO NOT IDENTIFY FIRST
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SECRETARIES IN THEIR LOCAL MEDIA: KIANGSI, KWEICHOW AND SINKIANG.

3. T' AN IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MANY OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO HIGHER PARTY POSITIONS SINCE LIN' S 1971 FALL. HE WAS ONCE GOVERNOR OF CHEKIANG, AND THUS HAS ROOTS IN THE AREA HE NOW SERVES IN. HE IS A VETERAN CADRE WHO HELD A HIGH PARTY POSITION BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, SERVING AS SHANTUNG CCP FIRST SECRETARY UNTIL 1967. LIKE MANY OF THE OTHER REHABILITATED CADRE NOW RETURNING TO POWER, HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DENOUNCED BY RED GUARDS AND REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

4. THE CHEKIANG LEADERSHIP BELOW T' AN ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SORTED OUT. SECRETARY HSIUNG YING- T' ANG FAILED TO APPEAR, CONFIRMING EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT HE HAS BEEN PURGED (HONG KONG A-46). THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES FROM NAN' S OLD COMMITTEE HAVE APPARENTLY RETAINED THEIR AUTHORITY, INCLUDING RECENTLY-RETURNED HSIEH CHENG- HAO (WR 20).
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